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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RIBBLE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 14, 2014

I hereby appoint the Honorable REID J. RIBBLE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Compassionate and merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

During the upcoming week of constituency visits, give the Members of this assembly insight, inspiration, and industry to work for the good of our country. Sustain our citizens with Your power, that they might be true to the highest and best they know and are able to achieve.

As Members visit with those whom they represent, may solutions that work toward the betterment of all in our Nation emerge in open and respectful conversation.

May the assurance of Your love and the presence of Your truth abide in all our hearts and all our homes.

And may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MULLIN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 5 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

WE ALL KNOW THAT OBAMACARE IS AN ABSOLUTE FAILURE

(Mr. MULLIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, time and time again, we have been reassured by this administration that ObamaCare is working, but when I talk to my constituents in Oklahoma's Second District, this is not the case. When I read the news headlines and discover yet another delay in ObamaCare, this is not the case.

Even this week, this administration was unable to provide—you know, I am up here, and I am reading talking points to you that you have heard over and over and over again, and yet we all know that ObamaCare is an absolute failure.

We all know that. The media knows that. This President knows that; and yet, he continues to force it down the throat of the American people, just because it is his signature piece of legislation.

What is sad is that this is just one of many things that has made this President and his administration an absolute failure. What is unfortunate is the American people are the ones that are having to pay for his mistakes. I, for one, have had enough.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERNEST J. REYES

(Mr. CÁRDENAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and legacy of a very positive man, my friend, Ernest J. Reyes, who passed away recently at the age of 73. Though Mr. Reyes is sorely missed by friends and family, I know his legacy will endure.

Ernest J. Reyes was a native of Madera, California. He was dedicated to the California real estate community and used his knowledge to help families thrive and realize the American Dream of homeownership.

He cofounded the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals and advocated for Spanish language services and documents for Hispanic homeownership. Mr. Reyes was also an exceptional public servant, holding various roles throughout his long career.

I extend my sincerest condolences to his wife of 50 years, Patricia Pedregon Reyes, along with his children, Denise Johnson and Daren Reyes, and his three grandchildren.

Mr. Reyes was an inspiration, and I know his loss will be felt by many, including the 29th Congressional District.

POLAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

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